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## **Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products April 2013**

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary April steel imports were **\$2.5 billion** (**2.4 million** metric tons) compared to the preliminary March totals of \$2.3 billion (2.2 million metric tons).

The April change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases primarily in blooms, billets and slabs; and a decrease primarily in reinforcing bars. Increases occurred primarily with Brazil and Japan. A decrease occurred primarily with Turkey.

The year to date final statistics through March 2013 showed steel imports of 7.0 million metric tons compared with 7.8 million metric tons through March 2012. The largest commodity decreases occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Increases occurred primarily in hot dipped galvanized sheets and strips. The largest country decrease occurred primarily with Russia. An increase occurred primarily with China.

**Notes:**

**The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.**

*Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit the Foreign Trade Division web site at [www.census.gov/trade](http://www.census.gov/trade). On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.*

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